

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Referring in particular to FIG. 2, faces 12 and 16 are oriented perpendicular to each other. ~~Reflecting face 16~~ Reflecting face 14 is oriented at an angle α to entrance face 12, where α is about 135° minus θ_B , and θ_B is the external Brewster angle for the material of prism 10. The term external Brewster angle, as used herein, means the Brewster angle in air at the air/material interface. This inclination of faces 12 and 16 provides that reflecting face 14 is inclined at an angle (ω) of about θ_B minus 45° to plane 16, as illustrated by dotted line 19 parallel to face 16.--